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declare that we are citizens of Great Britain; that we verily believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO FORENSIC IDENTIFICATION for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/107,029, filed June 29, 1998; that we

have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims referred to, and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

We hereby claim the foreign priority benefits under Section 119 of Title 35 of the United States Code of the foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, and we have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Applications

Priority Claimed

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Yes

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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

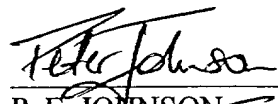
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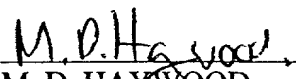
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